CARL YUAN (-20)



Q. Started off with a bogey but bounced back with six birdies including on your final hole. Talk about the final push, final round today.

CARL YUAN: Yeah, for sure. I was very committed coming into today. I had a couple tournaments, I was in a position being contending a couple times this year and definitely learned a lot from it just from being patient, being really committed and trust myself no matter what happens shot by shot.

I think I did a great job executing that today. Did not get mad, angry or frustrated over any bad swing, bad shots and I really did a good job just staying shot by shot, hole by hole. Yeah, I was very proud of what I did today.

Q. What did you learn from kind of being in the mix in past experiences on how to stay calm when you get in the mix?

CARL YUAN: I think just being patient. I mean, really trust ourself. The conditions were tough out there and there were tough shots you've got to hit. When I step up I've got to make sure I'm 100 percent trusting myself. In past experience definitely I was lack of that and I made a pretty big commitment after my first round this week actually, I really did well last three days, yeah.

Q. What was kind of that change you said after the first round?

CARL YUAN: Honestly, I was very frustrated first round. After round my wife texted me and I did not even feel like talking to her, which is bad.

There's so many mistakes I made mentally or just stuff like that make me really frustrated and really putted poorly. Yeah, I mean, felt like I was in a pretty dark place after first round, yeah, but before I tee off in the second round, it's like might as well like see what I've got in me, try to see what happens.

And before the round I text my wife and said, yeah, I'm going to do it even if it doesn't feel good, the game doesn't feel good, but I still think I had a strong enough belief going to last three rounds that put myself in good position.

Q. Did your wife have any words of encouragement or any advice?

CARL YUAN: I mean, she's always very supportive. She knows how hard the job is and it can go down spiral real quick sometimes. She makes sure she's always there for me, she

always tells me she loves me no matter what and yeah, I just come out here and try to get my job done.

Q. Today definitely kind of tougher conditions with the wind of the week. Is that something you enjoy when it kind of splits up the pack?

CARL YUAN: Yeah, I think definitely is complete opposite direction. And it's my first time being here on this course. I feel like I did not quite have the experience playing this wind direction. Definitely I knew I might be a little bit disadvantaged on some holes just not knowing what maybe the play is. Yeah, I really trust myself and try to stay in it and yeah, do the best I can and hope it turns out.

Q. Okay. With the strong finish this week and making the final push for keeping inside that top 125, what's the big motivation now to next week coming down to the final at the end of the fall?

CARL YUAN: Yeah, for sure, I did well this week to put myself in good position for the final push at Sea Island. I think I've just got to keep doing the same thing, not really let that thought get in my way, just keep doing what I do over a shot, over shots. Not really get a result or the outcome carry me away from it, yeah.